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Please find attached hereto the proposed amendments to the claims rejected by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The proposed amendments address those rejections. Entry by Examiner Amendment and allowance are respectfully requested by Applicant. Applicant's representative is available to discuss the proposed amendment.

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Proposed Claim Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of:

composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;

compiling a list of intended recipients;

transmitting through the computer or cellular network from a service provider to an account server a preliminary order for crediting accounts associated with the intended recipients, wherein a preliminary order is an order to credit an account associated with a recipient on the condition that there arrives later an indication of such recipient having accessed said piece of information or service;

releasing said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; and

as a response to an indication of a certain recipient having accessed said piece of information or service, executing the preliminary order with respect to said certain recipient, thus crediting an account associated with said certain recipient.
2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of crediting an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of:

identifying an account representing the rights of said certain recipient to use certain services through said network; and

crediting said identified account.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of crediting an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of:

identifying an account the identifier of which has been intentionally provided by said certain recipient; and

crediting said identified account.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substep of indicating to at least part of the recipients appearing on said list that accessing said piece of information or service will cause a certain account associated with said certain recipient to be credited.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substep of transmitting said piece of information or service to a number of subscriber terminals in the computer or cellular network.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substeps of:

storing said piece of information or service to a place which is accessible for subscriber terminals through the computer or cellular network; and

transmitting to a number of subscriber terminals an indication of said piece of information or service being available at said place.

7. (Previously presented) A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of:

composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;

compiling a list of intended recipients;

releasing said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; and

as a response to an indication of a certain recipient having accessed said piece of information or service, crediting an account associated with said certain recipient, wherein the step of crediting an account comprises the substeps of:

defining the time taken for said indication to be received; and

crediting said account by an amount which is inversely proportional to said time.

8. (Currently amended) An arrangement for distributing information or services through a network, comprising:

a source of information or services;

a number of subscriber terminals;

an account server configured to maintain ~~means for maintaining~~ accounts associated with certain subscribers;

a service provider's equipment configured to transmit ~~means for transmitting~~ to the account server ~~means for maintaining~~ accounts a preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers, wherein a preliminary order is an order to credit an account associated with a recipient on the condition that there arrives

later an indication of such recipient having accessed said piece of information or service; and

means for providing an indication of a certain recipient having accessed a piece of information or service; and

wherein said account server is configured to respond means for responding to said indication by executing the preliminary order with respect to said certain recipient, thus crediting an account associated with said certain recipient.

9. (Previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 8, further comprising:

a service provider's terminal;

a database server; and

an account server,

wherein said service provider's terminal is arranged to operate as said source of information or services, said account server is arranged to operate as said means for maintaining accounts associated with certain subscribers and for receiving the preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers, and said database server is arranged to maintain data identifying certain subscribers and associating the identified subscribers with certain contact information through which information or services is deliverable to the identified subscribers.

10. (Previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 9, further comprising a service or information server which is arranged to store pieces of information or services in a form accessible to subscriber terminals.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the preliminary order for crediting accounts associated with the intended recipients includes said piece of information or service.
12. (Previously presented) The arrangement according to claim 8, wherein the preliminary order for crediting the accounts associated with the certain subscribers includes said piece of information or service.
13. (Previously Presented) A method for distributing information or services through a computer or cellular network, comprising the steps of:
 - composing a piece of information or service to be distributed through the computer or cellular network;
 - compiling a list of intended recipients;
 - releasing said piece of information or service so that said piece of information or service becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list; and
 - as a response to an indication of a certain recipient having accessed said piece of information or service, crediting an account associated with said certain recipient, wherein the step of crediting an account comprises the substeps of:
 - ranking the order in which said certain recipient provides the reception indication relative to other of said intended recipients; and
 - said account associated with said certain recipient based on the order ranking.